

CLAIMS:

1. A method (40) for interacting with a medical record of a patient comprising:
receiving (43) a patient identification into a user interface along with a care provider identification;
selecting (45) a patient treatment guideline based on the entered information; and
displaying (46) the patient treatment guideline (20) on the user interface along with an indicator (21) identifying a current point in the patient treatment guideline (20).
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the current point includes a last completed treatment in the patient treatment guideline (20).
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the current point includes a next treatment to be performed in the patient treatment guideline (20).
4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
storing (42) one or more patient treatment guidelines (20) in a database.
5. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
assigning (41) a treatment guideline (20) to a patient.
6. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
entering (44) a code identifying a treatment into the user interface and selecting (45) the patient guideline (20) based at least in part on the code.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein said indicator (21) includes an arrow (22) pointing to the current point in the patient treatment guideline (20).
8. The method according to claim 1, wherein said indicator (21) includes a color highlighting a next step in the patient treatment guideline (20).
9. The method according to claim 1, wherein said indicator includes a first color associated with all steps in the patient treatment guideline that have been completed and a second color associated with all steps in the patient treatment guideline that have not been completed and said first and second colors are different.
10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
storing (41, 42) one or more codes that identify one or more steps in a particular patient treatment guideline (20) that are to be performed for the given patient in the patient's medical records; and

appending (47) an indicator to each of said one or more codes upon completion of a step in the particular patient treatment guideline associated with said each of said one or more codes.

11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

storing (42) a code that identifies one step in a particular patient treatment guideline upon completion of said one step in the patient's medical records; and

modifying (47) a standard treatment guideline based on the stored code in the patient's medical records before displaying the patient treatment guideline.

12. An apparatus (30) for displaying a medical record comprising:

a storage (32) to store one or more patient treatment guidelines;

a user interface (33) to accept a command from a user identifying a patient and context information and to display a selected patient treatment guideline from among the one or more patient treatment guidelines; and

a processor (31) to search said storage for the selected patient guideline that matches the identified patient and the context information.

13. The apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a network (34) coupling the user interface (33) to the processor (31), wherein said processor (31) comprises a server.

14. The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the user interface (33) includes a RF Id reader (36) that automatically reads a patient identification and/or a clinician's identification and transmits this information to the processor (31).

15. The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the user interface (33) includes a pointing device and a display.

16. A computer readable media having encoded thereon instructions that cause one or more processors to perform the following:

receive (43, 45) a patient identification from a user or from an automated system or a ID scanner/reader along with a care provider identification;

select (45) a patient treatment guideline based on the received user information; and

display (46) the patient treatment guideline on a user interface along with an indicator identifying a current point in the patient treatment guideline.

17. The computer readable media according to claim 16, wherein said instructions further cause the one or more processors to perform the following:

receive (45) a code identifying a treatment from the user interface; and
transmit (44) received user information to a processor, which selects (45) the
patient guideline based at least in part on the code and the user information.

18. The computer readable media according to claim 16, wherein said indicator
includes an arrow pointing to the current point in the patient treatment guideline.

19. The computer readable media according to claim 16, wherein said indicator
includes a color highlighting a next step in the patient treatment guideline.

20. The computer readable media according to claim 16, wherein said indicator
includes a first color associated with all steps in the patient treatment guideline that have
been completed and a second color associated with all steps in the patient treatment
guideline that have not been completed and said first and second colors are different.